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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-229-A)

In re Application of:)
Wang et al.) Group Art Unit: 2144
Serial No.: 09/686,124) Examiner: Marc D. Thompson
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For: Method, Apparatus and Communications)
System for Companion Information and)
Network Appliances)

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Dear Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer thereby traversing the Examiner's double patenting rejections. In light of the Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney, at 312-913-3305.

Respectfully submitted,


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